

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
Mill Creek Snowmobile Trailhead Relocation Project
San Juan National Forest, Pagosa Ranger District
Archuleta County

The San Juan National Forest, Pagosa Ranger District is seeking public comments on a Draft Environmental Assessment for the Mill Creek Snowmobile Trailhead Relocation project. The project proposes to relocate the existing snowmobile trailhead parking area on Mill Creek Road (CR 302) approximately one mile east to a small meadow immediately beyond the intersection of Mill Creek Road and Nipple Mountain Road (NFSR 665) on the south side of Nipple Mountain Road. The existing trailhead will be closed, decommissioned, and returned to a naturalized state, with gravel from the lot being recovered and transported to the new site for surfacing following site preparation (cut and fill, leveling, drainage, etc.). The new site will only be open to vehicles during the winter season. The formal Notice of Proposed Action, with maps, is available online at:
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56307>

The scoping and comment period for this project is being combined. This project is subject to the pre-decisional objection regulations at 36 CFR 218. Only individuals or entities (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) who submit timely and specific written comments will be eligible to object. Other eligibility requirements are defined by 36 CFR 218.25 (a)(3). It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection.

Written comments will be accepted for 30 days beginning on the first day after the date of publication of this legal notice in the Durango Herald. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Written comments should be submitted to: *Kevin Khung, Pagosa District Ranger, PO Box 310, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147*, or hand-delivered to the Pagosa District Office at 180 Pagosa Street in Pagosa Springs, Colorado between 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Comments may also be faxed to: Attn: Paul Blackman, fax number 970-264-1538. Electronic comments should be sent to: comments-rocky-mountain-san-juan-pagosa@usda.gov in an email message, or in one of the following electronic formats: .rtf, .pdf, or .doc.

Additional information regarding this project can be obtained from Paul Blackman at 970-264-2268 or e-mail paul.blackman@usda.gov.

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